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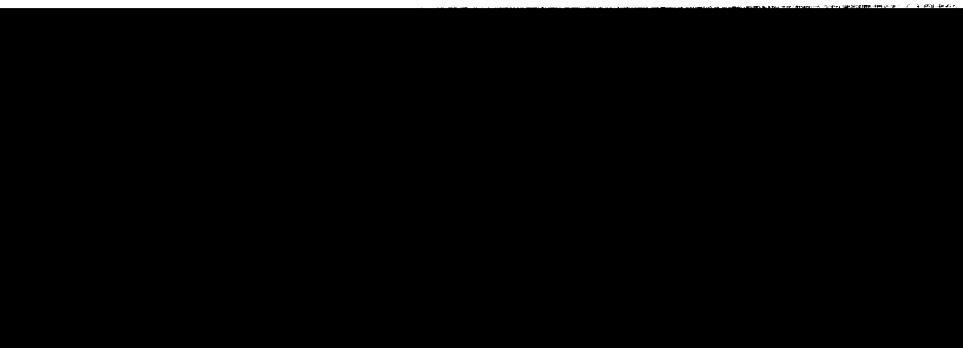|	
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1. The Cooperativa Marina shipyard employs 220 workers and 100 painters.

2. Fuel tanks of 15 and 35 ton capacity each, were made for distribution to the Sovromtransport centers. In the last eight months of 1950, 39 such tanks were completed. Up to the date of informant's departure, eleven had been completed and 49 were scheduled for completion by December 1951.

3. Three lighters were under construction, each had 600 tons displacement. Work will be commenced on two more at the end of May 1951. In 1950, four 1,200 ton lighters were completed. A similar type, for use in raising sunken vessels, was to be built this year.

4. Recently repaired at the yards was the 9,000 ton ship ARDEALUL. This ship is in the same class as the TRANSYLVANIA and is capable of carrying 3,000 passengers as well as cargo.

5. In Braila harbor until 10 April 1951, there was a 3,000 ton freighter named
25X1X RED OCTOBER. ████████████████ this vessel was formerly Greek-owned but flew the Panamian flag, and that its owners wished to sell it to the Soviet Union. In 1948, this ship reached the USSR, where eleven of its crew members remained because of their pro-Communist sentiments. The Soviets allegedly confiscated the ship and sent it to Rumania as a gift. The name of the ship was changed three times: 7 NOVEMBER (Russian Revolution), 30 DECEMBER (founding of Rumanian Republic), and now RED OCTOBER. Prior to its arrival in Braila, the ship had been to Constanta. It has been converted into a "floating fish cannery".

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